

## IN THE CLAIMS

(1) (Original) In a surface light source device having a light-emitting unit  
5 comprising a point light source and a light guide, a reflecting surface being  
provided on the reverse side of the light guide and also having a prism pattern, a  
surface light source characterised in that a directional light-diffusing film which  
diffuses and allows light to pass, comprising two phases with differing refractive  
indices, and which in addition to the phase with the greater refractive index  
10 including a plurality of regions with a columnar structure extending in the direction  
of the thickness of the film, has said columnar structure inclined at an angle of  
more than 5° and less than 60° to the normal direction of the film, is provided  
beside the light-outputting surface of the light guide in such a way that the  
direction of diffusion of the directional light-diffusing film is in the same direction  
15 as the direction of the unevenness in brightness.

(2) (Original) The surface light source device claimed in Claim (1), characterised  
in that said directional light-diffusing film is bonded to said light guide or prism  
sheet with prism pattern using a light-diffusing adhesion agent containing  
20 microparticles with a diameter of 0.1 - 50 µm.

(3) (Original) The surface light source device claimed in Claim (2), characterised  
in that said light-diffusing adhesion agent contains minute particles with diameters  
in the range of 1-100 nm whose refractive index is 1.8 or greater.

25 (4) (Currently Amended) The surface optical source device claimed in claim 2  
~~Claims (2) and (3)~~, characterized in that the refractive index of said light-diffusing  
adhesion agent is 1.55 or greater.

30 (5) (Currently Amended) The surface optical source device claimed in claim 1 ~~any~~  
~~of Claims (1) - (4)~~, characterized in that said columnar structure has a structure  
such that the refractive index varies gradually along the axis line of said columnar  
structure.

(6) (Currently Amended) The surface light source device claimed in claim 1 ~~any of~~  
~~Claims (1)–(5)~~, characterized in that said light-emitting unit is positioned facing  
the centre of the end surface of the light guide, the direction of diffusion of said  
directional light-diffusing film being parallel to the other end.

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(7) (Currently Amended) The surface light source device claimed in claim 1 ~~any of~~  
~~Claims (1)–(6)~~, characterized in that said light-emitting unit is positioned facing  
the angled end surface of the light guide, the direction of diffusion of said  
directional light-diffusing film being directed towards the angle facing the light-  
emitting unit.

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